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## BAA announces strong July traffic

BAA's seven UK airports handled a total of 14.2 million passengers during July 2004, an increase of 8.0% on the same month last year.

The long haul sector saw the largest increase with traffic back to pre-September 11 levels. North Atlantic routes added 12.3% and other long haul routes grew 14.6%.

European scheduled and domestic routes benefited from further expansion in low cost services increasing 10.8% and 6.8% respectively. The weakest sector during July was European charter traffic which recorded a 6.2% decrease in passenger numbers.

Passenger numbers increased at each individual airport. Stansted recorded the fastest growth of the London airports adding 10.2% while Glasgow became the first Scottish airport to handle 1 million passengers in a single month. Heathrow recorded a 7.9% increase and Gatwick 6.1%, while the Scottish airports recorded a combined increase of 9.4% and Southampton an increase of 8.5%.

In total, the number of air transport movements increased 3.4% while the recovery in air freight activity accelerated in July with tonnage levels handled rising 15.3%.

For further information on BAA plc see www.baa.com

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**BAA Traffic Summary: July 2004** 

Terminal		%	Fin year to date:	%	12 months to	%
Passengers (000s)	Month	Change*	Apr to Jul 04	Change**	Jul 04	Change***
Heathrow	6,496.6	7.9	23,575.0	10.3	66,464.3	6.2
Gatwick	3,457.5	6.1	11,656.8	5.5	30,670.3	2.7
Stansted	2,050.3	10.2	7,310.9	14.2	20,316.5	16.7
London Area Total	12,004.4	7.8	42,542.6	9.6	117,451.1	6.9
Southampton	148.7	8.5	537.8	19.0	1,458.9	51.7
Glasgow	1,007.4	9.9	3,273.5	5.8	8,325.5	3.5
Edinburgh	795.6	10.2	2,846.6	7.8	7,784.8	7.0
Aberdeen	255.4	5.1	929.4	4.2	2,569.9	0.7
Scottish Total	2,058.4	9.4	7,049.5	6.4	18,680.2	4.5
BAA Total	14,211.6	8.0	50,129.9	9.2	137,590.2	6.9

Air Transport		%	Fin year to date:	%	12 months to	%
Movements	Month	Change*	Apr to Jul 04	Change**	Jul 04	Change***
Heathrow	41,129	3.3	159,221	4.5	467,613	2.3
Gatwick	23,555	3.4	85,935	4.2	237,679	0.3
Stansted	15,939	1.5	61,037	4.9	176,107	5.8
London Area Total	80,623	3.0	306,193	4.5	881,399	2.4
Southampton	3,378	1.8	12,644	8.0	35,981	20.9
Glasgow	9,083	4.5	33,240	4.6	90,423	1.9
Edinburgh	10,063	7.5	38,769	8.1	110,614	4.8
Aberdeen	7,234	2.0	27,951	2.7	79,834	-0.3
Scottish Total	26,380	4.9	99,960	5.4	280,871	2.4
BAA Total	110,381	3.4	418,797	4.8	1,198,251	2.9

Cargo		%	Fin year to date:	%	12 months to	%
(Metric Tonnes)	Month	Change*	Apr to Jul 04	Change**	Jul 04	Change***
Heathrow	115,783	19.0	445,163	10.8	1,271,632	2.6
Gatwick	18,012	-3.6	70,703	-3.7	220,753	-5.1
Stansted	18,608	15.9	74,333	16.6	218,879	12.6
London Area Total	152,403	15.4	590,199	9.5	1,711,264	2.7
Southampton	26	-7.1	94	-26.6	283	-23.8
Glasgow	890	35.5	3,009	41.1	6,672	26.9
Edinburgh	2,337	6.7	9,125	7.0	26,504	9.3
Aberdeen	323	1.9	1,263	4.2	3,587	2.0
Scottish Total	3,550	12.2	13,397	12.9	36,763	11.3
BAA Total	155,979	15.3	603,690	9.6	1,748,310	2.8

Above data excludes Air Taxi passengers and Air Taxi movements.

<sup>\*</sup> compared to the month of July 2003

<sup>\*\*</sup> compared to the four months April to July 2003

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> compared to the twelve months to July 2003

# Market Comparison: July 2004

•	BAA Total	BAA Total	
Market	Jul 03	Jul 04	
	(000s)	(000s)	% Change
Domestic	2,321	2,480	6.8
Eire	603	607	0.7
European Scheduled	5,016	5,557	10.8
European Charter*	1,790	1,679	-6.2
North Atlantic	1,759	1,975	12.3
Other Long Haul	1,670	1,914	14.6
Total	13,159	14,212	8.0

<sup>\*</sup> includes North African Charter

Note: Origins and destinations are classified according to ultimate origin or destination of aircraft in the case of multi sector flights

Note: Figures for the market sectors have been rounded. Totals as per Traffic Summary.

